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SUBJ: PORT AUTHORITY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR STEVEDORING

1. SAUDI PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 21 THAT PORT AUTHORITY WILL
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFF-LOADING OPERATIONS AT THE
KINGDOM'S PORTS.

2. ITEM BEGIN QUOTE:

SHIPPING AGENTS' WORK WILL BE CANCELLED AS THE PORT
AUTHORITY TAKES OVER. DR.FAYEZ BADR, PRESIDENT OF THE
PORT AUTHORITY, SAID YESTERDAY (AUGUST 20) THAT THE AUTHORITY
WOULD CANCEL WITHIN TWO MONTHS THE WORK OF SHIPPING AGENTS
AND WOULD HANDLE OFF-LOADING OPERATIONS BY ITSELF.
DR. BADR POINTED OUT THAT THIS IMPORTANT DECISION WAS
TAKEN AFTER COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES OF THE OFF-LOADING CONDI-
TIONS AT THE SEAPORTS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING
OFF-LOADING CAPACITY AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN
TO IMPROVE PORT FACILITIES.
THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE AIM BEHIND THE CANCELL-
ATION OF THE SHIPPING AGENTS' WORK, AS WELL AS ASSUMING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFF-LOADING OPERATIONS, WAS TO SAVE A
LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT AND REDUCE THE LONG PROCEDURES
COVERING SUCH OPERATIONS.

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BADR SAID THAT ON TAKING OVER THE OFF-LOADING OPER-
ATIONS, THE PORT AUTHORITY COULD DOUBLE THE VOLUME OF OFF-
LOADING, SPEED UP PROCEDURES, AND SAVE THE 20 RIYALS PAID
TO THE SHIPPING AGENTS PER TON OF CARGO OFF-LOADED AT THE
SEAPORTS. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: CENTRALIZING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

FOR STEVEDORING COULD BE THE BEST STEP EVER IN CLEANING UP PORT OPERATIONS. PRACTICE UP TO NOW HAS INVOLVED THE HIRING OF STEVEDORE GANGS BY SHIPPING AGENTS. THE GANGS LEFT THE PORT AFTER COMPLETING OFF-LOADING OF A PARTICULAR AGENTS SHIP WITHOUT REGARD TO TIME OF DAY. A VESSEL ALONGSIDE REPRESENTED BY ANOTHER AGENT MIGHT WAIT FOR HOURS OR DAYS UNTIL ITS SHIPPING AGENT RECRUITED A STEVEDORE. MAINTENANCE OF CONTINUITY IN STEVEDORING OPERATIONS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE KINGDOM'S PORTS.

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